

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

November 18, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was called to order by Chairperson Michael Ticktin on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7:09 P.M. via Zoom Meeting

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The Roll was called by Secretary Robin Tillou.

ROLL CALL:

Present; Ashburner, Felong, Ticktin, Tulloss, Silverman

Absent: Dermody, Hartley, Murray

ADEQUATE PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING STATEMENT:

To show that proper notice of this meeting has been given, Chairperson Michael Ticktin stated that the minutes indicate: “Adequate notice of this meeting has been given, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, by notices published in the Times of Trenton and in the Asbury Park Press on January 24, 2020 and posted on the bulletin boards in the Borough Hall and at the Roosevelt Post Office.”

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made by Ms. Felong and Second was made by Ms. Tulloss. This passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OCTOBER 21, 2020:

The revisions made are Mr. Ashburner was absent and Mr. Hartley was present. Motion was made by Ms. Felong with revisions and Second was made by Ms. Tulloss. This passed by unanimous vote with revisions.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was a discussion of the DEP – Technical Assistance Grant Program.

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON – The Planning Board meeting for November 4, 2020 was cancelled.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON - Chairperson Ticktin reported there was a discussion regarding the new Stormwater Management regulations put in place by the state. The ordinance will be introduced at the next meeting on November 23, 2020.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Forest Management – Mr. Ashburner reported there were a couple of large trees down on the Rochdale to North Valley section of the woodland trail.

Invasive Plant Species – Mr. Steven Taylor reported on November 14th, volunteers planted a dozen native Button Willows, aka Buttonbush. Three were planted in the Valley triangle and the rest along the Ron Filepp Woodland Trail.

Stream Monitoring - Ms. Tulloss reported they are still waiting on the watershed to do some training for the chemical monitoring. The beaver has returned and was seen swimming in the stream near the Empty Box Brook culvert under Rochdale Avenue.

Sustainable Jersey - Ms. Felong reported the three revisions that were requested to be done by Sustainable Jersey (SJ) have been done. Ms. Felong stated Ms. Tullos that Ms. Tulloss had looked into having a prescription drug drop off. The Sheriff's Office informed us that they have cancelled all such activities due to COVID-19. The certification has been extended due to COVID for a year. As discussed at the prior EC meeting the priority action we will have to do is the prescription drug pick up collections to be certified.

NEW BUSINESS:

Removal of Dead Tree at Pine-Tamara Triangle

Ms. Tullos reported there is one Oak Tree that is completely dead and there is a virus that gets transmitted from one Oak Tree to the next and it is recommended we remove that Oak Tree. Removal of the tree will prevent the virus transmitting to another tree.

Motion was made by Ms. Tulloss and Second was made by Mr. Ashburner for the request to council to remove the infected Oak Tree to avoid the passing of the virus to other trees in the triangle. This passed by unanimous vote.

Educate Residents of the Environmental Commission's focus on Tree Preservation

Ms. Silverman proposed to educate residents of the environment focusing on trees regarding webinars that they can attend. She would like to do a town giveaway of native trees.

Chairperson Ticktin recommended to report on the Borough Bulletin and on the Borough website.

Ms. Felong mentioned the available facilities that accept Freon containing appliances which is the Beacon Scrap metal for \$35.00. After further research Ms. Felong found expired fire detectors should also not be put in the regular trash and this should be put on the Borough webpage to refer to.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, on motion by Ms. Felong and second by Ms. Silverman, this meeting was ended unanimously at 7:40 P.M.

Robin Tillou, Secretary